

AMENDED IN SENATE MAY 2, 2001

**SENATE BILL**

**No. 908**

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**Introduced by Senator Chesbro and Karnette**  
(Principal coauthor: Assembly Member Pavley)

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An act to add Section 31408 to the Public Resources Code, relating to coastal resources.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 908, as amended, Chesbro. State Coastal Conservancy: California Coastal Trail.

Existing law requires the State Coastal Conservancy to implement various coastal protection and preservation programs in coastal areas of the state.

This bill would require the conservancy, to the extent feasible, to take action to link the California Coastal Trail to inland trail systems, particularly in urban areas that do not have significant open space and parklands, and to develop a system of public accessways to, and along, the state's coastline, provide assistance to public agencies and nonprofit organizations to establish and expand inland trail systems that may be linked to the California Coastal Trail. The bill would require the conservancy, in consultation with the Department of Parks and Recreation and the California Coastal Commission, to coordinate the development of the California Coastal Trail, and would require each agency, board, department, or commission of the state with property interests or regulatory authority in coastal areas, to the extent feasible, and consistent with their individual mandate, to cooperate with the conservancy with respect to planning and making lands available for completion of the trail. The bill would also require the conservancy, not

later than January 31, 2003, in consultation with the California Coastal Commissioner and the Department of Parks and Recreation, to complete a plan for the development of the California Coastal Trail, *and to submit to the Legislature a copy of the plan by that date.*

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. The Legislature finds and declares all of the  
2 following:

3 (a) The California Coastal Trail, which has been designated a  
4 Millennium Trail by the Governor of California, should be  
5 completed in a timely manner.

6 (b) To the extent feasible, the trail should be constructed along  
7 the state's coastline and, consistent with protection of coastal  
8 resources, it should be a network of multiuser trails.

9 SEC. 2. Section 31408 is added to the Public Resources Code,  
10 to read:

11 31408. (a) To the extent feasible, the conservancy shall take  
12 action to link the California Coastal Trail to inland trail systems,  
13 particularly in urban areas that do not have significant open space  
14 and parklands. The conservancy shall also develop a system of  
15 public accessways to, and along, the state's coastline, provide  
16 assistance to public agencies and nonprofit organizations to  
17 establish and expand inland trail systems that may be linked to the  
18 California Coastal Trail.

19 (b) The conservancy shall, in consultation with the Department  
20 of Parks and Recreation, and the California Coastal Commission,  
21 coordinate the development of the California Coastal Trail.

22 (c) To the extent feasible, and consistent with their individual  
23 mandates, each agency, board, department, or commission of the  
24 state with property interests or regulatory authority in coastal areas  
25 shall cooperate with the conservancy with respect to planning and  
26 making lands available for completion of the trail, including  
27 constructing trail links, placing signs and managing the trail.

28 SEC. 3. (a) The conservancy shall, not later than January 31,  
29 2003, in consultation with the California Coastal Commission and  
30 the Department of Parks and Recreation, complete a plan for the

1 development of the California Coastal Trail that includes all of the  
2 following elements:

3 (1) Determination of a primary hiking route for the trail,  
4 including interim and permanent trail alignments where possible.

5 (2) Description of lands now under public or conservation  
6 ownership on which the trail is, or may be, constructed.

7 (3) A designation of various alternative routes for the trail,  
8 where necessary, that would encourage broad support and use of  
9 the trail, while protecting coastal resources and reducing conflicts  
10 among various users.

11 (4) A logo and signing program for the trail.

12 (5) An estimate of the costs for acquisition and construction of  
13 missing trail segments.

14 (6) A description of areas where the trail should connect to  
15 inland trail routes, especially where those connections can be  
16 utilized by underserved communities as an alternative means of  
17 accessing the coast. The plan shall include an estimate of the  
18 support and capital outlay costs for completing the trail by January  
19 31, 2008.

20 *(b) Not later than January 31, 2003, the conservancy shall*  
21 *submit to the Legislature a copy of the plan required to be*  
22 *completed pursuant to subdivision (a).*

